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- At a mass meeting on 17 June 1950 sponsored by the World Peace Committee (Burma) (WPComm. (B) ) it was resolved to send a Burmese delegation to the Second World Peace Congress (WPCong.) in Italy in October 1950. The next day, an account of the meeting, together with this and other resolutions and reputedly a long commentary on the present situation in the Far East, was sent to the WPCong. Headquarters. M. Jean Lafitte, secretary of the WPCong., early in July dispatched a letter to Thakin KYAW SEIN inviting the Burmese delegation to attend the Italian Conference.
- Meanwhile Trade Union Congress (Burma) (TUC (B) ) officials have been conspicuous in the prosecution of the signature campaign launched in Rangoon on 26 May. It is reported that labor unions in Amherst District near Moulmein were busily collecting signatures. Thakin HLA KYWE left Rangoon on 1 July to stimulate the campaign in the oilfields area and Thakin LWIN later travelled to Mandalay on a similar mission. As a result of the latter's visit, a branch of the WPComm. (B) was formed in Mandalay on 1 July. The following officials were elected.
 

U HLA	President
U MYINT U (BSP)	Vice President
SAYA AYE PAUNG LAY	Secretary
U THAN SHWE	Joint Secretary
Thakin MG MG LAY (BSP)	Treasurer
- In the inaugural meeting of the new branch, an address was given by Thakin LWIN explaining the objectives of the WPComm. (B) and exhorting newspapermen to urge a peaceful pro-USSR foreign policy on the Government of Burma.
- In Rangoon, on 9 July, Thakin KYAW SEIN issued a directive to various labor organizations affiliated to the TUC (B) instructing them to hold general

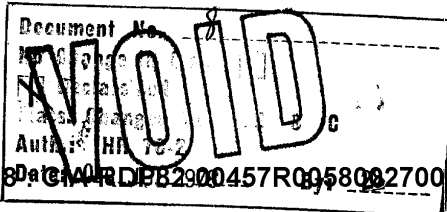
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meetings and to pass resolutions as follows:

- (a) To support all the resolutions passed by the WPComm. (B) at its mass meeting on 17 June.
- (b) To support a demand to the United States, France, Britain and the USSR not to meddle in Korean Affairs.

25X1A To urge the people of Burma to unite against likely aggression.

\* ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. It has been suggested that Thakin LWIN is beginning to realize that his extremist line is getting him nowhere. There is a suggestion of greater moderation in his comments to the newspaper men which are more in accordance with Government policy of neutrality.

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